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In reply to the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Actions mailed May 22, 2006 and October 17, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks. This Response is supplemental to the Reply filed September 21, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.